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ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

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ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
VIBRATION CASTING OF A  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

Applicants hereby withdraw their Notice of Appeal dated December 11, 2002 and concurrently file a Request for Continued Examination for the above-identified Patent Application. Additionally, in response to the Final Office Action, dated September 11, 2002, paper no. 9, please amend the above-identified application as indicated on the following pages.

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